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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN COMMUNIQUE

PHIL, WE ARE ASKING CHRIS SQUIRE TO TRY TO STRAIGHTEN OUT A PROBLEM WHICH HAS ARISEN IN REGARD TO THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE. I WILL EXPLAIN FURTHER WHEN I ARRIVE IN CANBERRA, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT AND HIS SENIOR STAFF, AS WELL AS MYSELF, ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT THIS INCIDENT NOT CREATE ANY ILLWILL THAT COULD REDUCE OUR PROSPECTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISIT.

THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE IS NOT A USEABLE DOCUMENT. IT CONTAINS A COVERAGE OF ISSUES THAT GOES FAR BEYOND WHAT WE FEEL WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THIS TRIP. IT FURTHER SEEKS TO CHANGE IMPORTANT US POSITIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES THAT WOULD REQUIRE MAJOR AND PROTRACTED WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS.

WHATEVER THE GENESIS OF THIS DRAFT, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IT BE TURNED OFF WITHOUT OFFENDING ANYONE, AND HOPEFULLY SECRET

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WITHOUT BECOMING A NEWS ITEM FOR THE VORACIOUS AUSTRALIAN PRESS. THEREFORE I ASSUME THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO DISCUSS IT DIRECTLY WITH PRIME MINISTER FRASER UNLESS THERE IS SIMPLY NO OTHER WAY TO RESOLVE ISSUE. MOST VALUABLE THING WOULD BE TO HAVE FRASER HIMSELF WITHDRAW IT FROM CABINET DISCUSSIONS THAT WE ARE TOLD BY YOUR EMBASSY ARE SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY. WE THINK SQUIRE - PARKINSON IS

THE BEST CHANNEL.

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